

FOIA Registry
File Security 41

5 FEB 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Administration
SUBJECT : Request Activity Statistics

1. Attached (Attachment A) is a summary of request activity during the period 1 June 1972 - 31 December 1974, including an estimate of the number of documents approved for release as a result of such activity. The figures provided, while not exact, are believed to be reasonably accurate. It is not always easy to distinguish between what is and what is not a "mandatory request" under the Executive Order, and our criteria have changed somewhat with the passage of time. Included among the request total are certain actions and inquiries answered by references to open literature) which we would not record as E.O. 11652 or FOIA requests today. The number of documents involved was arrived at by having to estimate the amount in a number of instances, although exact figures were available for at least 90 percent of the requests. Considerable research would be required to arrive at the precise total approved for release.

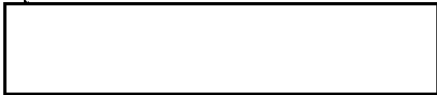
2. You should be aware that the figure on documents approved for release includes any document--COI, OSS, CIA, or non-Agency--submitted to the Agency for review. Moreover, if the Agency had no objection to a document's release, in declassified or sanitized form, it was included. In many instances, however, final release was contingent upon obtaining clearances from other US Government agencies or foreign governments. The Agency has often not been in a position to know whether such clearances were subsequently obtained. The total given on Attachment A does not, of course, include the hundreds of thousands of documents declassified and made available to the public as a result of the 30-year review exercise.

3. During the period 1 January 1975 to date, a total of 70 FOIA or E.O. 11652 requests has been received. This represents a significant increase in volume. Much of this increase can be attributed to press allegations regarding the

"10,000 files" on US citizens compiled as the result of domestic surveillance activities. Almost half (34) of the requests have been from individuals who want to know if they are included among the 10,000, and, if so, demand access to their files. Two of the requests have been from members of Congress (Patsy Mink and Bella Abzug). Nine other queries were forwarded to the Agency by Senators or Congressmen on behalf of constituents. Several requesters have asked for copies of the alleged "list" in addition to expressing interest in any files the Agency may maintain on them personally. A further breakdown of the 70 requests follows:

Requests for access to files and/or for copies of the "list".	34
Requests from the National Archives on behalf of researchers (usually for materials held in the Presidential Libraries)	8
Requests referred from other federal agencies.	15
Requests from foreign governments . . .	1
Requests from CIA employees (for Fitness Reports and other related materials).	2
Requests received directly from members of the public for Agency records.	<u>10</u>
Total	70

Action is still pending on 48 of the 70 requests received in 1975, but the research has been completed on several of these. Components other than the IRS have action responsibility for a few of the pending requests.


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Attachment: a/s

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1. Total E.O. 11652 requests received and answered (Does not include 20 requests still pending a/o 1 January 1975)	362
2. Requests granted in full (or with minor sanitization)	195
3. Requests granted in part.	58
4. Requests denied in full	62
5. Other Actions (e.g., documents non-existent or could not be located; rejected as lacking specificity; not valid requests for documents; referred to other agencies; requests withdrawn; closed out when requester failed to respond	47
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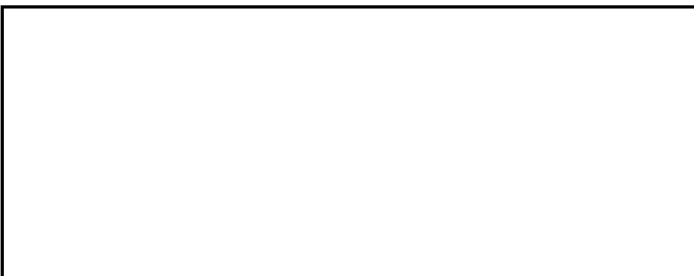
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